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Dear George,

I am enclosing the history of the 'Daws' Family as I promised, also a snap taken at the Atkew's home at Point Lonsdale, many years ago. Have you one like it? you may keep this, but I would like the photo of Grandma Daws back please, as I haven't another one of her & I would like to keep it - but I thought you may like to see it - but perhaps you have one -

Unless I do some explaining, you may be wondering how I got the name of Holton.

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You will see many years ago, ~~53~~ to be exact I married George Martin, he died in 1946 - 4 months after my father very suddenly. Then 8 years after, I married Keatley or Keith as he was called, Holton. He happened to be the husband of my second cousin Olive, who had passed away after a long illness - I saw quite a lot of Keith after this - hence - We were married 14 years when 12 years ago he passed away after several strokes - I have 2 children - Betty Robson & Colin Martin, a wonderful son in law, Gordon & a little daughter in law Dorothy & 7 grandchildren - one is married & one was - but there is no sign of being a great grandmother - worse luck.

Right at the end it says Elizabeth Smith had 2 Sisters - but 3 names are mentioned - I am sure Fanny wasn't a Sister - I used to visit them all with my mother - and Fanny was a much younger person - I will have to get busy & fill in the younger generation & bring the 'Daws' history up to date.

I hope you can understand this George, it was very nice meeting Ian & yourself although I had heard of you - If you come to Melbourne at any time, I would be very pleased to see you at any time - I am only about 5-6 miles from Melbourne, but I do not drive a car. Goodbye for now -
yours sincerely,
Audrey Holton.

26 Bent St

Greenwich 2065

25-10-80

Dear George

A note to acknowledge receipt of your letter
24/10/80 and attachments. Also as you see
I have enclosed a letter from the NISAC Department
of Education regarding Richard Stevens.

Both carbons of books and documents have
arrived intact. Thank you for your time effort
and care.

On the issue of the gold watch, I would be
delighted for Betty to continue to be custodian.
She apparently came into possession of it by
some particular circumstance, and it seems logical
that she should continue to have it. My only
wish is that it remains in the Stevens family.

Kind regards.

George Stevens

22 Grace Avenue,
Dandenong, 3175,
Victoria

14. 6. 1981

Dear George,

During March last Joan and I spent a very relaxing fortnight at "The Terminus", Point Lonsdale. One wet afternoon we took the opportunity to visit the "Historical Museum" in Queenscliff and had an interesting forerick around the many exhibits of photos, pictures from newspapers and a miscellaneous collection of bits and pieces from earlier days in the area.

In particular, we searched for any mention of "The Stevens Family". We found a group photograph of a picnic held at Portarlington by the children and teachers of the Point Lonsdale Primary School and noticed Rubie standing tall among the pupils. That was the only relevant record that we found.

I had read in a local current newspaper, while staying down there, that the Shire President had called a meeting of the local people to discuss the possibility of enlarging the building comprising the Historical Museum.

While Joan and I were there we spoke to the other two persons in the building. They were the President of the Historical Society, Mr Ray Raison and their Secretary Mr D. Beaver.

Mr. Raison knew the Stevens Family and in particular, Rubie through the school activities.

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Mr. Raison informed me, with the proposed extensions to the building, they were looking for additional appropriate exhibits.

I informed him that in 1936 my Uncle George Stevens had made ^{for me} a pencil sketch 24" x 12" of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse viewed from outside "The Heads" with a large Steamer battling with a heavy sea. This is in a black frame and is hanging in my Den.

To ensure that the sketch is perpetuated by interested people when I pass on I promised Mr. Raison I would donate it to the Historical Society and take it down to him next time I am at Point Lonsdale.

I am very much aware how dear the Lighthouse Service and Point Lonsdale was to Uncle George ^{and} I am anxious that his name is given due recognition when the sketch is exhibited in due course at Queenscliff.

I am wondering if you could provide me with the following information concerning your Grandfather:-

Date of birth?

Date he joined the Commonwealth Lighthouse Service?

Date he retired from

Lighthouses where he was stationed during his service?

Any other relevant details which you consider may be of interest to the Historical Society concerning the Stevens Family.

Trusting you and your family are well and enjoying life.

Yours sincerely,

Deville Davis

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19 June 1981

Dear Neville

Thank you for your letter 14 June - I am
delighted to assist.

Attached is some information for you to pass
on to the Historical Society. ^{to you know}
I have been collecting family history material
for many years, not only of the Stevens
family but also of the Jaws family as well.
Jaws family history would be of no interest
to Messrs Ranson and Beavis, but it is of
great interest to me. I raise this point
here - never being one to miss an opportunity -
to ask that where you know of scraps of
information such as photos, letters or anything
which might otherwise be discarded or scrapped, it
would be welcome here in my treasure chest.

Back on the point of Stevens information you may
care to suggest to the Historical Society that should
any of their members be coming to Sydney in
the future, they would be welcome to see what
I have. Any of this, including photos,
could be copied for them. On a separate
attachment I have listed some of this.

My son Matthew also has a pencil sketch done

by GFW'S quite late in his life - June 1939. It is a full rigged & masted ship.

Matthew, now 21, is in his 4th and final year of a B. Ag Science degree. Janey is in her first year of an Arts degree, hoping to take majors in Drama and Biography. Both Shirley and I are immensely proud of both of them.

In going through my treasure chest I came across a photo of a most handsome couple at their wedding. The bride is holding a large bouquet of gladioli, the groom is standing with his hands behind him. The photo is in a little folder marked "CS TOMPKINS, THE JACKSONS, CAMBERWELL" and there is a pencil date on the back 7-5-38. Any clues?

Kind regards to you & Joan

George Jackson.

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George Friedrich William Stevens was born March 6 1866 in Balfast Victoria [NOTE 1] . A copy of the Registration of Birth - dated Jan 27 1885 and in possession of his grandson George Woodfall Stevens June 1981 shows that the following facts were recorded

- Registrar entry N° 2173 dated 3 May 1866.
- Father was William Stevens, a lighthouse keeper [see NOTE 2] age 36 born Sussex England 1829.
- William Stevens was married to Susan Stevens 30 July 1861 at Balfast Victoria
- Mother was Susan Stevens nee Davis age 28 years Born London England. [NOTE 3]

Notes:

1. Balfast was later named Port Tauris
2. William Stevens was a British soldier in the Crimean War 1854-1856. He was also worn in as a Special Constable in the Eureka Stockade incident and fought for the Crown. He was a lighthouse keeper on the Victorian Coast for 28 years - verification of this latter fact was obtained from the Archives section of the State Library of Victoria in July 1968 which also confirms his first appointment in the year 1858. He died in Colac Victoria in 1895 age 66.
3. Susan Stevens nee Davis was at marriage described as spinster. ~~But~~ Clear evidence

If the date of birth is not available but it appears to be 1833. She migrated to Australia around 1857. Her children were Emily Anne George Maud and Arthur. During her married life she lived with her lighthouse keeper husband William successively at the lighthouses at Port Fairy, Warrnambool, Wilson's Promontory Cape Schanck & Cape Otway. The family moved to live in Colac about 1888. Susan died age 74 25 August 1911.

G.F.W.S. was appointed in the State [later Commonwealth] lighthouse service as follows

South Channel	Assistant	1-5-89	1800
Split Point	"	1-7-93	"
Cape Nelson	"	1-10-96	"
Kellabrand	Acting Senior	17-6-99	"
Point Lonsdale	Senior Asst.	8-7-00	1900
Point Lonsdale	Lighthousekeeper	14-1-03	"
Cape Nelson	"	13-7-03	"
Split Point	"	19-5-06	"
Wilson's Promontory	"	8-1-08	"
Point Lonsdale	"	8-4-10	"
Cape Schanck	"	17-4-12	"
Cliffy Island	"	15-7-15	"

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* G.W. Stevens still researching later dates.

22 Grace Avenue,
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13. 7. '81

Dear George,

Thank you very much for your prompt reply of 19th June to my request, and for your trouble in giving me so much detail concerning your Grandfather. I am sure they will be most helpful to the Queenscliff Historical Society. When the weather warms up a bit down here Joan and I plan to make another visit to the Bellarine Peninsula and hope to stay at Geelong for a few days to visit some of the historical buildings etc. Normally, we drive through Geelong and it was only recently we learned there is so many places of interest to see. We will then take the pencil sketch to Mr. Lison, with all details. I will give him your message about visiting you should he, or his committee, be in Sydney. Last Thursday Joan and I called for Gladys Budge at Doncaster and we took her to Audrey's at Canterbury where we all had lunch together. Gladys is the one who compiled the family tree details which Audrey sent you. I read your letter and attached details to them and, of course, they were most interested and the details prompted much discussion and created much reminiscing between us.

Should you ever be in Melbourne, with spare time, Audrey and I would be very pleased to see you. Her phone is 8367959 and mine 7922922.

Thank you again for your patience and I commend you for your interest in gathering all relevant details.

Trusting you, Shirley, and family are well.

Sincerely,

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Kate 2617

19.10.82.

Dear George and Shirley,

Many thanks for the photostated material received from you last week. Your idea of photostating photos is a really good idea - I then know what old photos that you have that may be of use to me. I will endeavour to do the same for you from Mlem's collection when I have the opportunity. She has quite a number that she rescued from her parents' home. The letter dated 1968, from Mabel Pedrick is most interesting as basically the facts that she recalls are very similar to those recorded by my mother for the family history. Mabel Pedrick is the daughter of one brother and our grandparents (Daws), the offspring of another of the three brothers that arrived in Australia in the Brig Kate Kearney on 26th April, 1854. This piece of information I obtained when I was in Melbourne two weeks ago.

Due to illness that kept me out of action for over a month I did not visit Adelaide and Melbourne as planned during the September school vacation. It was only two

weeks ago with our long weekend break that I had the opportunity to visit Melbourne. Mum immediately identified some of your photos as to the faces and checked with some similar portraits that she has of each person. The photo of the elderly gentleman had the name "Mr Daws" written on the back. I discovered while we were checking them, so my sister has possession of this photo for the moment to check with a photo of our great grandfather held by Ted Daws. She will return it as soon as she has been able to do this for you. The age of the man & the photo could only point to his identity, Mum agreed.

I will be in Sydney next weekend, 23rd & 24th, so will ring you to arrange a time to call upon you to return your photos and obtain a few missing facts of your family if this is convenient to you.

Govin is photostating copies of several certificates that I have that will add to your records. I have a copy now of our great grandparents death certificates which I hope he can photostat. It would be foolish for you to pay for copies of these when I have just taken this action.

Will let you know details I have discovered when I see you hopefully at the weekend.

Regards to you all, Jay a Voegt.

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14 December 1982

Dear Joyce and Hans,

A note to accompany the copies of the two photographs you requested. I have the negatives so let me know if you need more prints. Also if there are other photos etc which you know I have and you would like copies, please ask.

Our Jenny is in England at the moment and we miss her. She will be back by mid January however. She went over to meet her fiance's mother - hope that there is mutual approval. The wedding is planned for March 1984, but it may be advanced. If it is March 1984 we will have to be sure that it doesn't clash with the proposed Daws family reunion. Have you been able to establish as fact that the Daws brothers did build a fence around Eboro? It does interest me to find out if this is so, for if it is I feel we may be able to persuade the Trustees of Eboro to

allow us to have our reunion there.

to a preliminary to the reunion [assuming we do go ahead with it] I would like the Vozel/Stevens committee to be able to establish contact with as many family members as possible about 6 months in advance.

He could do this with a letter which could be distributed through say 6 people - or more - to minimise postage costs.

Further, I would like to be able to have say a monthly follow up newsletter, giving details of the plan as it develops, letting them have an updated "Tree" passing on any information which comes to hand and generally building up their interest & enthusiasm.

I am sure that between us, you and I could handle that. For example I have access to computer facilities which will produce name & address listings, & print out sticky labels for addressing envelopes. You have access to photocopying and so on.

The more we publicise the event, & the more people we involve by getting them to do little tasks, the better attended it will be, and the more people will get out of it.

How do you

feel about this? I tend to get all enthusiastic about organizing functions like this, but I know that others do not necessarily share that degree of enthusiasm.

I hope you & your family have an enjoyable Christmas.

Best wishes

George & Shirley

Mrs H Voigt

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